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1. KATANGAN LEADERS AND THEIR EUROPEAN ADVISORS ARE ELATED AND ENCOURAGED BY RECENT EVIDENCES THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT STRONGLY OPPOSES USE OF FORCE AGAINST KATANGA. GUIDED BY HIS UNOFFICIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR, BELGIAN PROFESSOR RENE CLEMENS, KATANGA PRESIDENT /TSHOMBE SEEKS TO EXPLOIT THE SEEMING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL VIEWPOINT WHICH APPEARS TO KATANGA TO FAVOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND EVEN THE FURTHER USE OF MILITARY FORCE TO END THE SECESSION. TO LEND SUPPORT TO BRITISH ARGUMENTS AND TO ANTICIPATE THE 31 JULY MEETING OF THE UN CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION ON THE CONGO, TSHOMBE AND HIS ADVISORS ARE TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PROVE TO THE WORLD

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KATANGA'S DESIRE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

2. SPECIFICALLY, CLEMENS ADVISED TSHOMBE TO PROPOSE TO THE ADOULA GOVERNMENT IN LEOPOLDVILLE VIA THE UNITED NATIONS CHANNEL THAT A FIFTH MIXED COMMISSION BE IMMEDIATELY SET UP TO DISCUSS CONGO FEDERATION AND ^{TO} PREPARE A DRAFT FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. THIS TSHOMBE DID ON 27 JULY. AS FURTHER PROOF OF HIS "SINCERITY", AT CLEMENS' SUGGESTION, TSHOMBE PROPOSED THAT ALL FIVE COMMISSIONS MUST COMPLETE THEIR DELIBERATIONS WITHIN THREE MONTHS. REACTING TO CLEMENS' ARGUMENT THAT TSHOMBE WAS LOSING WORLD SYMPATHY BY DENYING THE LEGALITY OF THE ADOULA REGIME, TSHOMBE HAS PHRASED HIS PROPOSAL TO LEOPOLDVILLE SO AS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT HE RECOGNIZES ADOULA AS HEAD OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

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3. (FIELD COMMENT: ACE 689 (TDCS-3/517,919) REPORTED CLEMENS WAS HURRYING BACK TO KATANGA TO POINT OUT TO TSHOMBE THE DANGER TO KATANGA IF HE DID NOT ADOPT A LESS INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ADOULA REGIME. CLEMENS ARRIVED IN ELISABETHVILLE O/A 25 JULY. SEE ELISABETHVILLE CONTEL 187 TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR OTHER EVIDENCES THAT KATANGA SEEKS TO PLAY ON AMERICAN AND BRITISH DIFFERENCES OVER THE NEXT STEP TO BE TAKEN TO SOLVE THE CONGO-KATANGA PROBLEM.)

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, CINCLANT.

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